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Throngs of eager consumers forgo
Thanksgiving turkey to brave
Black Friday crowds Thursday night

“It’s kind of like competing with different people. Everybody has the same goal.”

Aaron
Melero
Schofield
Barracks soldier,
on his first solo
Black Friday
outing

By Rob Perez
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The last time Naupaka Hanchett braved the Black Friday shopping crowds in Honolulu, she walked away with a black eye and wearing only one slipper after jockeying for the last deeply discounted wireless router on a store shelf.

She didn’t get it. She lost out to a determined male shopper — “he was much stronger” — who inadvertently struck her with an elbow in the tussle for the router.

That was five years ago. “This is a lot more civilized,” Hanchett said Thursday afternoon as she sat in line, relaxed and waiting for the Target at Ala Moana Center to open.

She, mother Roslyn Hanchett, 53, and her nephew, Kingston Nahinu-Chun, 6, who was tucked in a blue wagon playing on an iPad, waited for the doors to open at 6 p.m. so they could make a beeline to the electronics and toy sections.

Hanchett was hoping to score several Apple watches for \$179 each, about \$70 off the regular price.

The Makiki residents — the fourth group in the Target line, which grew to hundreds just before the opening — were among the throngs of consumers Thursday who decided they would rather be out shopping than partaking in a Thanksgiving dinner at home.

Like many others hitting the store aisles Thursday, the Hanchetts have altered their holiday tradition to make room for bargain hunting. Their family had a large Thanksgiving lunch — complete with turkey, ham, stuffing and other holiday dishes — before the pair and her nephew headed to the mall. Hanchett’s boyfriend, Kyle

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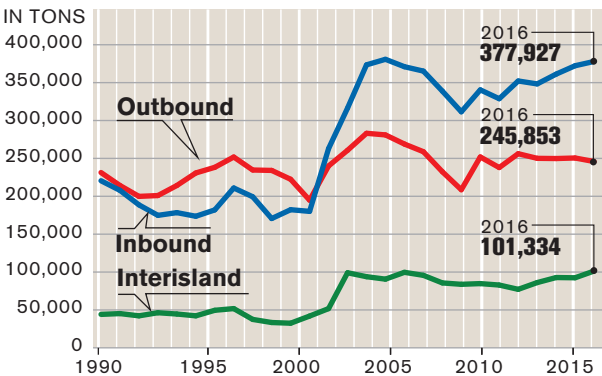


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Shoppers flocked to Ala Moana Center in anticipation of Black Friday sales that actually started Thursday from evening. Ala Moana called it “Thanks Getting Day.” Sabrina Sivongxay, left, her niece Michelle Sivongxay and Jan Lau had a laugh as they talked about last year’s Black Friday event.

AIR CARGO VOLUME

Before 2002 the volume of air cargo leaving the state exceeded cargo coming in. In the last decade, with the help of internet retailing, inbound cargo has surpassed outbound. Still, volume for both remains below peaks reached about a decade ago, and interisland air cargo volume hasn’t changed much.



Source: State Department of Business,
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Air cargo industry
has yet to surpass
previous high times

By Andrew Gomes
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E-commerce has been good to Hawaii’s air cargo industry over the last 15 years, but inbound and outbound air freight volumes are still lagging decade-old peaks, a new state report shows.

The state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism released a study Monday on Hawaii air cargo shipments from 1990 to 2016, in an effort to show how the industry has changed and where it is headed.

“Air cargo plays an important role in Hawaii’s economy by transporting merchandise to and from Hawaii quickly and in its original quality,” Eugene Tian, the state’s chief economist, said in a statement announcing the report.

Generally, it is 10 to 20 times less expensive to transport goods to or from the state on ships than by plane, DBEDT said, but air cargo is sought out for items that are time-sensitive, perishable or high-value.

The report showed that outbound air cargo volumes were close to but higher than inbound volumes from 1990 to 2001, after which inbound air cargo soared and has re-



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Eugene
Tian:
The state’s chief
economist stressed
the importance of
air cargo in the local
economy

mained far higher. DBEDT said the inbound air cargo gain, which occurred despite mail volume plunging since 1999, was largely driven by e-commerce.

Last year cargo flown into Hawaii totaled 378,000 tons compared with 246,000 tons leaving the state by air. In 2001 inbound and outbound volumes were 180,000 tons and 195,000 tons, respectively, and below levels close to 225,000 tons for each in 1990.

Meanwhile, interisland air

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